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Mr. Marcus Brooks
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Dear Mr. Brooks:

This is in reply to your letter to Congressman J. J. Pickle regarding the Notice of Proposed Rule Making (Notice) in PR Docket No. 92-235, 57 FR 54034 (1992). This Notice proposes comprehensive changes to the Commission's Rules governing the private land mobile radio services operating in the frequency bands below 512 MHz.

You are specifically concerned about the impact of these changes on radio control (R/C) hobby users. Enclosed is a discussion paper concerning our proposals for the 72-76 MHz band. In short, we expect there would be no adverse impact on R/C operations because of any proposal contained in the Notice.

We are, of course, sensitive to the concerns of both users of private land mobile radio spectrum and R/C hobbyists. We will, therefore, take your concerns into account when we develop final rules in this proceeding. As indicated in the Notice, we remain convinced that without significant regulatory change in radio operations in the bands below 512 MHz, the quality of communications in the private land mobile radio services will continue to deteriorate to the point of endangering public safety and the national economy.

We want to thank you for your interest. Your letter will be included in the record of the proceeding. We expect final rules to be issued in 1994.

Sincerely,

Edward R. Jacobs
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Ralph A. Haller
Chief, Private Radio Bureau

Enclosure:
Discussion paper

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Dear Mr. Chairman:

I recently received the enclosed letters from Mr. Marcus Brooke, Mr. Robert Spivey, Mr. Robert O'Neill, and Mr. Homer F. Riley concerning the effect the proposed rulemaking (Docket 92-235) regarding Private Land Mobile Radio services may have on their use of radio-controlled aircraft.

I sure would appreciate your considering these concerns about this proposed rule before the final rulemaking is made. I know each constituent would appreciate knowing if this proposed rulemaking will indeed affect the radio frequencies available for radio-controlled aircraft and if so, how. Please forward me a copy of your response.

Thank you for your close attention to this matter.

Sincerely,


J. J. PICKLE

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Enclosures

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January 26, 1993

The Honorable Jake Pickle
U. S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

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Dear Mr. Pickle,

I didn't want to spend this evening writing letters. I have things I need to do, but this came up and it's very important to me and many others. Here's a summary:

Regarding: FCC Notice of Proposed Rule Making, NPRM-PR Docket 92-235

My Position: Against

Why: The proposal makes it dangerous to use most of the radio frequencies available for radio-controlled aircraft. This threatens the most popular facet of model aviation, which is at once a sport, a hobby, and an industry that benefits the country's economy, education, and health.

Details:

The proposal affects the 72—76 MHz band that radio-controlled aircraft currently share with private land-based mobile dispatch operators. The current allocation prevents interference between the two uses. The proposal sets up a much narrower spacing. Given applicable frequency-drift tolerances, 31 of the 50 available radio-control frequencies will be subject to uncontrolled and unpredictable jamming from more powerful land-based mobile operations.

I know you'll get letters about how bad this proposal is for model aviation, so I won't dwell on that. I want to talk about just one way model aviation is good for everybody.

The creation of those 50 frequencies a few years ago has greatly expanded the radio-controlled flying industry. The sport's entry-level cost, in time and dollars, is dropping rapidly. Soon I hope children will be able to fly radio-control planes almost as readily as they used to fly free-flight when there was room to turn a plane loose. When *that* happens, those radio-control frequencies will pay off the most, because if kids can get involved in aviation, even through models, they'll be involved in a big part of America's technology and history. Involvement leads to deeper interest, and *interest is education*. I don't think any other interest can lead a child in as many fulfilling directions as aviation. I'm talking about hope, but isn't that hope worth protecting a small patch of radio spectrum? Please don't let the FCC carry out its proposals for the 72—76 MHz band.

Sincerely,

